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WHO'S HERE – Of the 132 golfers who will compete at the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur, 128 are currently in the field. Four spots remain for the champions and runners-up of the Women's Western Amateur Championship and the Ladies National Golf Association Championship. Among the golfers currently in the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur field, there are:

Oldest Competitors: Ellen Port (58, born 9-21-61), Meghan Stasi (42, born 5-30-78), Shannon Johnson (37, born 12-15-82), Julia Potter-Bobb (32, born 10-20-87), Lauren Greenlief (29, born 9-13-90), Kelsey Chugg (29, born 5-2-91)

Youngest Competitors: Angela Liu (15, born 7-25-05), Alexa Pano (15, born 8-20-04), Grace Summerhays (16, born 7-9-04), Jacqueline Putrino (16, born 6-29-04), Kelly Xu (16, born 5-27-04), Anika Varma (16, born 4-5-04), Megha Ganne (16, born 3-5-2004)

Average Age of Field: 20.5

Field breakdown by age:

Age 11-15: 2
Age 16-20: 71
Age 21-25: 48
Age 26-30: 3
Age 31-35: 1
Age 36-40: 1
Age 41-60: 2

U.S. States Represented – There are 30 states represented in the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur: California (19), Texas (14), Florida (8), North Carolina (7), Alabama (3), Hawaii (3), Indiana (3), New Jersey (3), Tennessee (3), Georgia (2), Illinois (2), Missouri (2), Pennsylvania (2), South Carolina (2), Virginia (2), Arizona (1), Arkansas (1), Delaware (1), Kentucky (1), Louisiana (1), Maryland (1), Massachusetts (1), Michigan (1), Minnesota (1), Nevada (1), New York (1), Oklahoma (1), Oregon (1), Utah (1), Washington (1)

International – There are 20 countries represented in the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur: Unites States (92), Spain (4), Canada (3), Paraguay (3), Thailand (3), Australia (2), Columbia (2), Denmark (2), Germany (2), Guatemala (2), Mexico (2), People's Republic of China (2), South Africa (2), Argentina (1), Finland (1), Italy (1), Japan (1), Malaysia (1), Norway (1), Philippines (1)

USGA Champions (12): Kelsey Chugg (2017 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Hailee Cooper (2016 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball), Megan Furtney (2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball), Lauren Greenlief (2015 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Shannon Johnson (2018 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Kaitlyn Papp (2016 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball), Ellen Port (1995, 1996, 2000, 2011 U.S. Women's Mid-Am and 2012, 2013, 2016 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur), Julia Potter-Bobb (2013, 2016 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Gabriela Ruffels (2019 U.S. Women's Amateur), Erica Shepherd (2017 U.S. Girls'

Junior, 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball), Meghan Stasi (2006, 2007, 2010, 2012 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Lei Ye (2019 U.S. Girls' Junior)

USGA Runners-up (9): Jillian Bourdage (2019 U.S. Girls' Junior, 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball), Talia Campbell (2019 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Kelsey Chugg (2018 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Shannon Johnson (2016 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Brianna Navarrosa (2016 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball), Alexa Pano (2018 U.S. Girls' Junior), Ellen Port (2002 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Julia Potter-Bobb (2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Am), Lei Ye (2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball)

Curtis Cup (2): Ellen Port (1994, 1996; captain, 2014), Meghan Stasi (2008)

Most U.S. Women's Amateur Appearances (2020 included): Ellen Port (23), Meghan Stasi (14), Lauren Greenlief (8), Hailee Cooper (6), Alexa Pano (5), Julia Potter-Bobb (5), Brooke Seay (5), Brynn Walker (5), Alyaa Abdulghany (4), Ty Akabane (4), Allisen Corpuz (4), Isabella Fierro (4), Lauren Hartlage (4), Rachel Heck (4), Sabrina Iqbal (4), Shannon Johnson (4), Gina Kim (4), Rachel Kuehn (4), Erica Shepherd (4)

Listed in Top 50 of Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking® as of July 22 (20): Emilia Migliaccio (3), Rose Zhang (8), Gabriela Ruffels (9), Kaitlyn Papp (12), Sofia Garcia (15), Auston Kim (20), Siyun Liu (22), Kiira Riihijarvi (23), Allisen Corpuz (24), Alexa Pano (27), Pimnipa Panthong (28), Megan Schofill (29), Lei Ye (30), Gina Kim (33), Alyaa Abdulghany (34), Aneka Seumanutafa (35), Amanda Sambach (45), Carla Tejedro (47), Kaleigh Telfer (48), Lauren Hartlage (49)

Players from Maryland (1): Aneka Seumanutafa (Emmitsburg)

Colleges with most active players: Duke (6), USC (6), Stanford (5), Arkansas (4), Wake Forest (4), Alabama (3), Auburn (3), Florida (3), Michigan State (3), Texas (3)

Played in 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur (49): Ty Akabane, Lauren Beaudreau, Hailey Borja, Jillian Bourdage, Zoe Campos, Caroline Canales, Briana Chacon, Anne Chen, Katie Chipman, Kelsey Chugg, Hailee Cooper, Allisen Corpuz, Bentley Cotton, Megha Ganne, Ami Gianchandani, Ashley Gilliam, Lauren Greenlief, Haylin Harris, Lauren Hartlage, Emily Hawkins, Rachel Heck, Paris Hilinski, Sabrina Iqbal, Shannon Johnson, Gurleen Kaur, Auston Kim, Gina Kim, Angela Liu, Cory Lopez, Brooke Matthews, Kaitlin Milligan, Michaela Morard, Anna Morgan, Malia Nam, Alexa Pano, Pimnipa Panthong, Kaitlyn Papp, Valery Plata, Julia Potter-Bobb, Gabriela Ruffels, Megan Schofill, Brooke Seay, Aneka Seumanutafa, Yurika Tanida, Brynn Walker, Therese Warner, Nicole Whiston, Kenzie Wright, Lei Ye

Played in 2019 U.S. Women's Open (14): Ty Akabane (MC), Celeste Dao (MC), Megan Furtney (MC), Megha Ganne (MC), Paris Hilinski (MC), Sabrina Iqbal (MC), Shannon Johnson (MC), Auston Kim (MC), Gina Kim (T-12), Alexa Pano (MC), Kaitlyn Papp (MC), Gabriela Ruffels (MC), Rose Zhang (T-55), Regan Zibilski (MC)

PLAYER NOTES

Ty Akabane, 19, of Danville, Calif., a rising sophomore at UCLA, is competing in her 10th USGA championship. Akabane won the 2018 California Women's Amateur at Quail Lodge Resort. She has reached match play in the U.S. Women's Amateur the last two years and was a quarterfinalist in the 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball with her partner Briana Chacon. The athlete she most admires is Lydia Ko, with whom she had the opportunity to play a practice round at the 2017 U.S. Women's Open.

Lauren Beaudreau, 19, of Lemont, Ill., a rising sophomore at Notre Dame, set a 54-hole scoring record for the Fighting Irish in the last event of the spring season when she earned a fifth-place finish at 10-under-par 206. In her first event of the summer, she placed 23rd at the Michigan PGA Women's Open. After reaching the quarterfinals of last year's U.S. Girls' Junior, Beaudreau advanced to the Round of 32 in the U.S. Women's Amateur at Old Waverly.

Jillian Bourdage, 18, of Tamarac, Fla., is a two-time USGA championship runner-up. She was a finalist in the 2019 U.S. Girls' Junior at SentryWorld, falling to Lei Ye, 1 up, in the final match, and lost in the final of the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball to Erica Shepherd and Megan Furtney with partner Casey Weidenfeld. Bourdage was the 2019 Florida

State Golf Association Girls' Junior champion and Player of the Year. She is set to enroll later this month at The Ohio State University, where she plans to major in aviation studies and play on the women's golf team.

Kelsey Chugg, 29, of Salt Lake City, Utah, won the 2017 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship and finished runner-up to Shannon Johnson in 2018. She will be competing in her third U.S. Women's Amateur. Chugg, a four-time Utah Women's State Amateur champion (2012, 2013, 2015 and 2017), is the associate director for the Salt Lake City golf division. Last November, she was named Utah's Women's Golfer of the Decade.

Hailee Cooper, 20, of Montgomery, Texas, won the 2016 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship with Kaitlyn Papp at Streamsong (Fla.) Resort. A rising junior at the University of Texas, Cooper earned All-America honors in her first year and was also named Big 12 Freshman of the Year. She tied for 55th in the 2018 U.S. Women's Open at Shoal Creek after earning the last spot in the field as an alternate. Cooper is competing in her sixth consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur.

Allisen Corpuz, 22, of Kapolei, Hawaii, finished her senior year at the University of Southern California this spring, earning Golfweek first-team All-America honors after leading the Trojans to a pair of victories in February. She is making her fourth U.S. Women's Amateur appearance after reaching the Round of 16 last year at Old Waverly. Corpuz became the youngest competitor ever in a USGA championship when she qualified for the 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links at the age of 10 years, 3 months, 10 days. She has competed in two U.S. Women's Opens (2016, 2018). In July, Corpuz was the runner-up to Rachel Kuehn in the North & South Women's Amateur at Pinehurst Resort.

Bentley Cotton, 18, of Austin, Texas, won the 99th Women's Texas Amateur earlier this summer in Austin. Cotton, an incoming freshman at the University of Texas, led her Westlake High School team to back-to-back Class 6A state titles in 2018 and 2019. She is making her third U.S. Women's Amateur appearance after reaching the Round of 32 last year at Old Waverly. Both her father and brother played collegiate golf at Baylor.

Pilar Echeverria, 22, of Guatemala, was named WGCA Division II Co-Player of the Year as a senior at the University of Indianapolis, becoming the first back-to-back winner since 2015. Echeverria is a four-time WGCA First-Team All-American and won three of the six events she played this season. She will return to UIndy with an extra year of eligibility this fall.

Isabella Fierro, 19, of Mexico, completed her freshman season at Oklahoma State with four top-10 finishes, including a win in just her third collegiate event at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational. Fierro is competing in her fourth U.S. Women's Amateur and was a quarterfinalist in 2017 at San Diego Country Club. She won the 2017 North & South Women's Amateur and the 2017 Mexican Women's Amateur Championship.

Megha Ganne, 16, of Holmdel, N.J., reached the semifinals of last year's U.S. Women's Amateur at Old Waverly, falling to Albane Valenzuela in 19 holes. Ganne, a four-time Drive, Chip and Putt national finalist, also competed in the 2019 U.S. Women's Open in Charleston, S.C. As a freshman at Holmdel High School in 2019, she finished runner-up in the Shore Conference Tournament and led Holmdel to its third straight team title. Ganne received a sponsor's exemption into this year's ShopRite LPGA Classic scheduled for October.

Ashley Gilliam, 19, of Manchester, Tenn., earned first-team All-SEC honors in her freshman year at Mississippi State, leading the Bulldogs with three top-5 finishes in six events and setting a program record for scoring average. Gilliam was a quarterfinalist in both the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball and the 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior championships. A two-time Drive, Chip & Putt national finalist, she is making her third consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur appearance.

Lauren Greenlief, 29, of Ashburn, Va., won the 2015 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur at Squire Creek Country Club in Choudrant, La., defeating Margaret (Shirley) Starosto in the championship match, 2 and 1. Greenlief, a management consultant, is making her eighth U.S. Women's Amateur appearance. In 2018, she became the first mid-amateur in 12 years to reach the quarterfinals of the U.S. Women's Amateur. Last year, she reached the semifinals of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. A former walk-on at the University of Virginia, Greenlief earned three varsity letters with the Cavaliers from 2010-12. She lives less than 40 minutes from Woodmont Country Club and has played the course a number of times.

Haylin Harris, 21, of Carmel, Ind., is a rising junior at Michigan State University competing in her third U.S. Women's Amateur after she reached the Round of 32 last year. Harris was a semifinalist at the North & South Women's Amateur in July, losing to eventual champion Rachel Kuehn. Her brother, Cole, plays golf at the University of Cincinnati and qualified for the 2020 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, which was canceled.

Rachel Heck, 18, of Memphis, Tenn., qualified for the 2017 U.S. Women's Open, made the cut and played the final round with 2008 U.S. Girls' Junior champion Lexi Thompson. She also earned low-amateur honors in the 2018 Evian Championship. Heck, an incoming freshman at Stanford University, is competing in her fourth consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur. She was a quarterfinalist in the North & South Women's Amateur at Pinehurst Resort in July. Her sister, Abby, is a rising senior at Notre Dame who competed in the 2016 U.S. Girls' Junior.

Sabrina Iqbal, 19, of San Jose, Calif., advanced to match play in last year's U.S. Women's Amateur at Old Waverly after reaching the Round of 16 in the U.S. Girls' Junior and competing in the U.S. Women's Open in Charleston, S.C. Iqbal, a rising junior at Texas Christian University, posted six top-10 finishes in nine tournaments during her sophomore season with the Horned Frogs. She won the 2016 California Women's Amateur and was named Northern California Golf Association Women's Player of the Year.

Shannon Johnson, 37, of North Easton, Mass., won the 2018 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis after finishing as the runner-up in 2016. Johnson, a field representative for a major golf manufacturer, is playing in her 17th USGA championship and fourth U.S. Women's Amateur. She was runner-up in the 2020 New England Women's Amateur Championship after back-to-back victories in 2018 and 2019.

Gina Kim, 20, of Durham, N.C., finished in a tie for 12th and was the low amateur in the U.S. Women's Open at Country Club of Charleston (S.C.) last year with a 1-under-par 283, which tied for the second-lowest 72-hole score by an amateur in U.S. Women's Open history. Kim, a rising junior at Duke University, helped lead the Blue Devils to the 2019 NCAA Championship and has seven top-20 finishes in two collegiate seasons. She was a semifinalist in the 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior, losing to the eventual champion, Yealimi Noh, 3 and 2. Kim tied for second at the 2020 Carolinas Women's Amateur in June.

Rachel Kuehn, 19, of Asheville, N.C., won the North & South Women's Amateur at Pinehurst on July 18, defeating Allisen Corpuz in the final match in 19 holes. Kuehn was named to the WGCA All-American First Team as a freshman for Wake Forest after finishing inside the top 20 in all five of her appearances. She finished 13 under par to win the prestigious Annika Intercollegiate by five shots in her first collegiate start last September. Kuehn played in four U.S. Girls' Juniors and is making her U.S. Women's Amateur debut. Her mother, Brenda, was an All-American and hall-of-famer for the Demon Deacons who competed in two Curtis Cups, 13 U.S. Women's Amateurs and nine U.S. Women's Opens. Brenda played her final U.S. Women's Open in 2001 at Pine Needles when she was eight months pregnant with Rachel.

Siyun Liu, 21, of the People's Republic of China, will return to the top-ranked Wake Forest University women's golf team for an extra year after COVID-19 cut her senior season short. She decided against turning professional this year in favor of returning to attempt another run at a national championship with the Deacons. Liu is from Shanghai and has stayed in Winston-Salem since the season ended. She finished in the top 15 in six out of seven events during her senior season. Liu is competing in her first USGA championship.

Cory Lopez, 18, of Mexico, won her second consecutive Mexican Women's Amateur Championship this January, defeating Isabella Fierro by three strokes. Lopez, an incoming freshman at the University of Arkansas, where standout Maria Fassi of Mexico also played, reached match play in last year's U.S. Women's Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior championships. She is competing in her fifth USGA championship.

Emilia Migliaccio, 21, of Cary, N.C., is the top player in the field in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking®, at No. 3. Migliaccio, a rising senior at Wake Forest University, is a three-time WGCA All-American and has five individual titles with the Deacons. She qualified for the 2018 U.S. Women's Open and is competing in her first U.S. Women's Amateur. Migliaccio won a pair of gold medals at the 2019 Pan American Games with a four-shot victory in the women's individual competition while helping the United States win the men's and women's combined team competition.

Mychael O'Berry, 20, of Hoover, Ala., won the Alabama Women's Stroke Play Championship in June, her first competitive event since the COVID-19 pandemic ended the college golf season in March. O'Berry finished as co-medalist at a U.S. Girls' Junior qualifier in Montgomery, Ala., in June 2018, where she earned a spot in her first USGA championship. O'Berry, a rising senior at Auburn University, is competing in her first U.S. Women's Amateur. Her father, Mike, was a Major League Baseball catcher for seven seasons.

Virunpat Olankitkunchai, 21, of Thailand, is a rising senior at the University of Maryland, just 20 miles from Woodmont Country Club. Olankitkunchai became the first player in program history to qualify for the NCAA Championships in 2019 after earning All-Big Ten first team honors.

Alexa Pano, 15, of Lake Worth, Fla., was runner-up in the 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior, losing 4 and 3 to Yealimi Noh. Pano competed in two Women's All Pro Tour events in June, finishing in the top three of both, including runner-up to Maria Fassi in the Cooper Communities NWA Classic. She reached the Round of 16 in last year's U.S. Women's Amateur, competed in the U.S. Women's Open in Charleston, S.C., and won the 2019 Rolex Girls Junior Championship on the American Junior Golf Association circuit. Pano, a two-time National Drive, Chip & Putt champion (2016 and 2017), is featured in the 2013 documentary "The Short Game" on Netflix. Four years ago, she became the youngest competitor in an LPGA of Japan Tour event – the 2016 Yonex Ladies Golf Tournament.

Kaitlin Papp, 21, of Austin, Texas, is a rising senior at the University of Texas. Papp, a three-time All-American for the Longhorns, holds three of the top eight single-season stroke averages in program history and has notched 19 career top 10s at Texas. She won the 2016 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship in Streamsong, Fla., with fellow Longhorn Hailee Cooper. Papp is making her third U.S. Women's Amateur appearance after reaching the Round of 32 last year at Old Waverly.

Julia Potter-Bobb, 32, of Indianapolis, Ind., is a two-time U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion (2013, 2016) and is joined by fellow Indiana native Erica Shepherd as the only two left-handed golfers to hold multiple USGA titles. Potter, a University of Missouri graduate, is a five-time Indiana Women's Amateur champion and winner of the 2016 Indiana Women's Open. She serves as the director of member services for the Indiana Golf Office and was a 2008 P.J. Boatwright Jr. Intern for the Missouri Golf Association. Potter was diagnosed with scoliosis as a teenager and underwent the same back surgery as LPGA star Stacy Lewis. This year, she finished runner-up at the Indiana Women's Amateur in June. This will be her fifth U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

Gabriela Ruffels, 20, of Australia, is the defending champion after claiming the 119th U.S. Women's Amateur title at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, Miss., defeating Albane Valenzuela in the final match, 1 up. She became the first Australian to win the championship. Ruffels, a rising junior at USC, was a second-team All-American as a sophomore and is currently No. 9 in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking. In 2019, she also won the North & South Women's Amateur. Last month, she made history as the first woman to register to play in the Jacksonville (Fla.) Amateur in its 59-year history. Her older brother, Ryan Ruffels, is a professional golfer who plays on the Korn Ferry Tour. Ruffels is the daughter of former University of Southern California women's tennis national champion Anna-Maria Fernandez while her father, Ray Ruffels, was also a highly successful professional tennis player who for some time played mixed doubles with Hall of Famer Billie Jean King.

Megan Schofill, 19, of Monticello, Fla., overcame a 10-shot deficit to win the 91st Florida Women's Amateur Championship in July. Schofill, a rising sophomore at Auburn University, led the Tigers with four top-10 finishes before the season was cut short in March. Her first collegiate tournament victory in February at the Lake Oconee Invitational included back-to-back rounds of 68. This will be her third consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur appearance after reaching the Round of 16 in 2019.

Brooke Seay, 19, of San Diego, Calif., advanced to the semifinals of last year's U.S. Girls' Junior and the quarterfinals of the U.S. Women's Amateur at Old Waverly a few weeks later. Seay, a rising sophomore at Stanford University, finished runner-up in her fifth collegiate start at the Gunrock Invitational this March. In her four previous U.S. Women's Amateur appearances, she has reached the Round of 32 three times. Seay made the cut in the 2017 U.S. Women's Open at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., and hit the ceremonial first tee shot of the PGA Tour's Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines in 2013.

Aneka Seumanutafa, 19, of Emmitsburg, Md., is a rising sophomore at The Ohio State University, where a year ago she was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Seumanutafa was a quarterfinalist in last year's U.S. Women's Amateur at Old Waverly. In 2017, she won the Junior North & South Championship at Pinehurst.

Erica Shepherd, 19, of Greenwood, Ind., won the Indiana Women's Amateur by four strokes over Julia Potter-Bobb in June. Shepherd, a rising sophomore at Duke University, is a two-time USGA champion. She won the 2017 U.S. Girls' Junior in Augusta, Mo., and won the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball with Duke teammate Megan Furtney.

Shepherd and Potter-Bobb are the only two multiple USGA champions who play lefthanded. Shepherd's brother, Ethan, is a rising senior on the Indiana University men's golf team.

Ivy Shepherd, 20, of Peachtree City, Ga., was the stroke-play medalist and a semifinalist at this year's North & South Women's Amateur in July. Shepherd, a rising junior at Clemson University, is competing in her second U.S. Women's Amateur.

Grace Summerhays, 16, of Scottsdale, Ariz., won the Utah Women's Amateur in July by defeating Kelsey Chugg in the final, 3 and 1, becoming the youngest winner in the event's 114-year history, having turned 16 one week earlier. She made headlines in June by shooting a 76 at a Korn Ferry Tour qualifier in Utah. Summerhays reached the Round of 16 last year in her first U.S. Girls' Junior appearance and was the runner-up in the 2019 Utah Women's State Amateur. At age 14, she became the fourth female and youngest to ever qualify for the Utah State Amateur, and advanced as the first female ever to qualify for match play in the event's 121-year history. Summerhays is the daughter of former PGA Tour player Boyd and the niece of recently retired PGA Tour player Daniel. Her brother, Preston, won the 2019 U.S. Junior Amateur at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, and holds two Utah State Amateur titles. Grace is competing in her first U.S. Women's Amateur.

Brynn Walker, 22, of Saint Davids, Pa., thought her dreams of winning the U.S. Women's Amateur ended last year when she fell to Albane Valenzuela in the Round of 32. Walker, who recently completed her senior year at UNC-Chapel Hill, planned to be playing her first summer as a professional, preparing to go through LPGA Q-School this August. Due to the complications of the COVID-19 pandemic, she will return to UNC for a fifth year and has remained an amateur. Walker will make her fifth U.S. Women's Amateur appearance. Her USGA history includes a trip to the semifinals of the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball. Walker also won the 2019 Philadelphia Women's Amateur and has twice Monday-qualified for the LPGA ShopRite Classic.

Micheala Williams, 22, of Huntsville, Tenn., graduated from the University of Tennessee in May with a degree in electrical engineering. A four-time Academic All-American, she won two individual titles and became the fifth UT player to qualify for the NCAA Championships in 2018. Williams got engaged in March and recently began working as a systems engineer for a U.S. aerospace and defense company. She will return to Tennessee in the fall to compete for the Lady Vols in her last year of eligibility.

Nicole Whiston, 19, of San Diego, Calif., recently finished her freshman year at the University of Tennessee where she earned second team All-SEC honors and led the team with three top-10 finishes. She was a semifinalist at the 2019 U.S. Girls' Junior and is competing in her third U.S. Women's Amateur. Her sister, Waverly, also plays golf at Tennessee and was a quarterfinalist in the 2016 U.S. Girls' Junior with Nicole as her caddie.

Lei Ye, 19, of the People's Republic of China, won last year's U.S. Girls' Junior at SentryWorld in Stevens Point, Wis., defeating Jillian Bourdage, 1 up. Ye, a rising sophomore at Stanford University, was born and raised in Shanghai and moved to Florida when she was 13. Ye earned All-America honors from Golfweek and the WGCA in her first year with the Cardinal after four top-20 finishes in five events, including her first career victory in October at the Stanford Intercollegiate. She competed in the 2018 U.S. Women's Open at Shoal Creek, missing the cut by one stroke, and was the runner-up with partner Ya Chun Chang in the 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball at El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana, Calif. Ye is competing in her second U.S. Women's Amateur after making match play last year. She will compete in the 2020 U.S. Women's Open in December thanks to her 2019 U.S. Girls' Junior win.

Rose Zhang, 17, of Irvine, Calif., was one of two amateurs to make the cut in last year's U.S. Women's Open in Charleston, S.C, finishing in a tie for 55th. Zhang was a quarterfinalist in the 2019 U.S. Girls' Junior. After losing in the quarterfinals to Yuka Saso, she caddied for her friend and future Stanford University teammate Lei Ye, who won the next two matches to claim the title. Zhang, the No. 8 player in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking, was a member of the victorious United States team at the 2019 Pan American Games. Last November, she won the AJGA's Rolex Tournament of Champions by 11 strokes. Zhang is making her third U.S. Women's Amateur appearance.